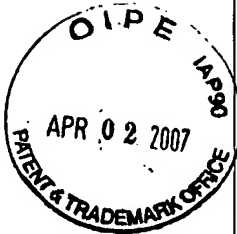


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006 and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on March 28, 2007. This is an extension request for replying to the September 28 Action within the third month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the September 28 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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A check in the amount \$1020.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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